

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Hein WILLE et al. Conf. 3031

Application No. 10/579,753 Group 3617

Filed May 18, 2006 Examiner J. Sotelo

METHOD OF SUPPLYING OIL FROM A FLOATING PRODUCTION STRUCTURE TO AN OFFLOADING BUOY VIA A THERMALLY INSULATED FLEXIBLE TRANSFER DUCT

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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July 16, 2009

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 16, 2009, for which the period for response has been extended three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.